

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## JULY AND AUGUST

### 2016



Welcome to St. Paul's. Come worship with us every Sunday morning at 10:00am. We are a growing church of believers, committed to helping people by actively practicing the Gospel. What does this mean to you? If you are visiting or are new to St. Paul's, we'd love to find out. Join us for fellowship (following the service) and share your faith, time, and talents with us. We offer a variety of ways to get involved in the church and in the community. To become a member of St. Paul's, speak to Pastor Schultz. A new member class is offered as needed. Once again, service begins at 10:00 on Sunday mornings. Sunday School runs from September through June during the church service. Communion services are held on the first, third and fifth Sundays of every month. Join us! You're welcome!

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# PASTOR'S LETTER

## JULY 24TH ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR GBARNGA SCHOOL




Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Acton, MA, has already made a significant impact on our school project in Gbarnga, Liberia by supporting the Rotary's matching grant funding last year whereby \$10,000 was raised and then matched by both the District and International Rotary foundations. Those funds (totaling \$80,000) are being used right now to provide the water and sanitation infrastructure along with funding for the first vocational training class where local residents learned to operate and maintain the Hydraform block making machine. This machine is not only producing blocks for our school construction but will provide ongoing wages for the workers and income for the school into the future.



Michelle Gasbarro (member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Fitchburg and past president of the Montachusett Area Rotary Club who was instrumental in that first major grant) has approached Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project with an application for a second grant. Again, private funds must be raised which will be matched by the District and International Rotary. This year, however, our goal is \$15,000 which will blossom with God's blessing into \$50,000. That means each contribution more than triples in value! This grant will help fund furnishings for the classrooms, library, and offices; teacher training and certifications; and a vaccination clinic prior to school opening in February, among other initiatives.

On Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, members of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Acton, MA, will join with members from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Providence, RI, as ice cream servers to raise funds for the Gbarnga Lutheran Training Center. A brief PowerPoint may be shared highlighting what has already been accomplished in Gbarnga. Please set the date and plan to join in the event. Details for the event will be forthcoming and published in Sunday's Worship Folders



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JULY 2016</b>						
					1	2
3 10 AM Worship with Communion	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10 10 AM Wor- ship Church BBQ	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 10 AM Worship with Communion	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10 AM Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10 AM Worship with communion						

Download and print calendars from [www.calendarstemplate.com](http://www.calendarstemplate.com)

<b>AUGUST 2016</b>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
10 AM Wor- ship with Communion 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10 AM Wor- ship 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10 AM Wor- ship with communion 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10 AM Wor- ship 28	29	30	31			

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## JULY AND AUGUST ALTAR ASSISTANTS

<b>July 3</b>	<b>Reader</b> Youth	<b>Comm. Asst.</b> Joe Norris Rick Sinnigen	<b>Altar Guild</b> Donna Bucu Kolu Clark	<b>Ushers</b> Kevin Kehyei, Danlette Norris, George Dauda, Grace Dauda
<b>July 10</b>	Margaret Boger		Donna Bucu Kolu Clark	Kim King, Helen Miller, Bill King, Dennis Kollie
<b>July 17</b>	James Woods	Bill Oehlkers Corvah Akoiwala	Donna Bucu Kolu Clark	Leelah Ballah, Seaniah Ballah Solomon Paye, Haerdlyn Dauda
<b>July 24</b>	Kevin Riley		Donna Bucu Kolu Clark	Rick Sinnigen Gerry Quarm Mack Makor & Joe Norris
<b>July 31</b>	David Martin	As Available	Donna Bucu Kolu Clark	Kevin Kehyei Danlette Norris George and Grace Dauda

<b>August 7</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Comm. Asst.</b> David Ballah Joe Norris	<b>Altar Guild</b> Donna Bucu Nancy Watson	<b>Ushers</b> Bill & Kim King Helen Miller Dennis Kollie
<b>August 14</b>	David Martin		Helen Miller Mary Abberante	Leelah & Seaniah Ballah Solomon Paye Hardlyn Dauda
<b>August 21</b>	Rick Sinnigen	Bill Oehlkers Corvah Akoiwala	Helen Spink Irma Pereira	Rick Sinnigen Gerry Quarm Mack Makor & Joe Norris
<b>August 28</b>	Magaret Boger		Helen Spink Yorqualla Makor	Kevin Kehyei Danlette Norris George and Grace Dauda

**July**

**Birthdays**

**August**

1 John M. Stamp    27 Benjamin Robinson

3 Soonkaru Varfley    28 Trudy Kohm

6 Robert Russell    31 Nellie Cooke

7 Jerry Mulbah, Jr.    29 Rachel L. Kollie

Corrine Stoskopf

14 Jerry Mulbah, Sr.

Manfred Rapp

16 Shaheed Patterson

Catherine Stoskopf

17 Patricia Martin

22 Stanley Urey, Jr.

3 Jeanne Long

Hilde Rapp

4 Tom Kausch

9 Ingrid Mercer

10 Kim Cook

11 Mack Makor

15 Joaquim Barros

Centeio III

17 Kwayah Makor

18 Tonia Dahn

23 Abraham Kerkula

27 Hawa Mulbah

24 John D. Sinnigen

Helen Smith

25 Wilma Varfley

27 Ansu

**JULY**

Baysah

30 Edith Jourdan Grittner

**2016 ANNIVERSARIES**

**AUGUST**

**16 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fruggiero (32nd)**

**17 Mr. & Mrs. William Oehlkers (55th)**

**Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rehbein (11th)**

**30 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cook (10th)**



**13 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Watson (60th)**

**16 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jungworth (60th) 17**

**21 Mr. & Mrs. David Martin (27th)**

**21 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Richard (16th)**

**26 Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Boger (54th)**

**26 Mr. & Mrs. George Dauda (9th)**

**27 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Lamore(60th)**

## MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL

May 19, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016. Present were: Vice-President David Ballah, Interim Treasurer Dan Robinson, Secretary David Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Bucu, Chairperson of the Board of Deacons Joe Norris, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees James Woods, and Pastor Schultz. Chairperson of the Board of Social Ministry Danlette Norris joined the meeting in progress at 7:35 p.m. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the April 14, 2016, Church Council meeting were approved as submitted.

Interim Treasurer's Report. Dan Robinson distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for the period Jan. 1 through April 30, 2016. Total receipts during the period were \$64,842.85, and total disbursements were \$78,163.49, resulting in a deficit of \$13,320.64. The balance of Memorial Funds as of April 30, 2016, was \$211,214.19. Offerings for the first four months of the year are approximately \$1,800.00 less than the amount budgeted. So far this year we have received \$251.00 from Thrivent Choice. Thrivent Choice is a program which allows Thrivent members to designate a charitable or religious organization (such as St. Paul's) to receive donations from Thrivent.

Deacons' Report. Chairperson Joe Norris reported that he is making an effort to expand the number of readers at the worship service. He will put together a schedule of readers and give it to Donna. With regard to maintaining the practice of having the youth usher and read at the first Sunday of the month, Pastor will speak to Kim Sinnigen about incorporating the youth into the ushering schedule. Favorable comments have been received about posting the prayer requests on the bulletin board in the office after the worship service. It was agreed that the Altar Guild would be asked to perform this task.

Trustees' Report. Chairperson James Woods reported that the May 7<sup>th</sup> Work Day had gone well. Although rain limited the amount of work which could be accomplished outside, the inside work was not affected. James noted that Trustee Richleau Norris had brought some volunteers from his school and that they had participated in the Work Day. A combined Work Day and Neighborhood Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor noted the self-propelled feature of the lawn mower is broken and that it needs to be repaired. Pastor also stated that there is an approximate one inch gap in the Carter Street steps that should be repaired. There was discussion about the peeling paint on the outside of the church around the Carter Street door and also around the outside of the church office. It was agreed that the Trustees would organize a painting party for a Saturday in July.

Social Ministry. Chairperson Danlette Norris reported that the Board of Social Ministry is paying for flowers on the altar to honor the graduates in the congregation. The Fund Raising Walk to benefit the Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project is being held this Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The African Dinner is being held on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. A barbeque has been scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion about the purpose of the coffee hour and the frequency with which it now includes a lunch or dinner. It was the consensus that the amount of work and expense involved could be reduced if the lunches or dinners were limited to special occasions.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: David Martin distributed a proposed job description for the treasurer's position. He had prepared it with input from Dan. The Council discussed David's draft. After amending it, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the job description as amended. Copies of the job description will be available in the rear of the church on Sunday.

David Martin reported that the church had received an email from Children's Friend requesting a rent credit. The basis for the request is that Children's Friend underwent an inspection on April 29, 2016, by the State Fire Marshal. Two violations were found: extension cords were being used for permanent wiring in the office and the closets in the four classrooms lacked heat detectors. Children's Friend indicated that if the cost of correcting the heat detector violation were shared equally the rent credit would be somewhat less than \$2,000.00. After discussion, the Council concluded that the church's financial condition did not permit it to grant the request. As the request came in an email addressed to Pastor Schultz, the Council directed that he respond. The response will state that the Council had discussed the matter and regretted that the Church's financial condition did not allow the request to be granted.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

### OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

June 5, 2016

A special meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 11:55 a.m. on Sunday, June 5, 2016. Present were: President Gerry Quarm, Vice-President David Ballah, Secretary David Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Bucu, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees James Woods, and Chairperson of the Board of Social Ministry Danlette Norris. Pastor was meeting with a parishioner and did not attend.

David Martin explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider two requests. The first was that of the African Alliance of Rhode Island for permission to use the parish hall and outside area for its eleventh annual African Health Summit on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and to set up for the event on Friday, September 16, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The second request was that of Children's Friend for permission to make three alterations to the school building: (1) the installation of a new electrical outlet in the receptionist area, (2) the installation of eight new heat detectors in the four classrooms [two in each classroom (one in each closet)], and (3) installation of lock door knobs to the upstairs and downstairs doors which connect the school to the church (the Children's Friend side will have the knob and the Church side will have a key).

With respect to the African Alliance request, David Martin said that he had erroneously told Julius Koawole that the request should be directed to the Church Council. Last night, after re-reading the Parish Hall Rental Policy adopted by the Council on Feb. 29, 2016 (the "Rental Policy"), David realized that the request should have been directed to the Board of Deacons. However, because the African Alliance needs a prompt answer, David asked that the Council act on the request and not refer it to the Board of Deacons.

Following discussion, **a motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow the African Alliance to use the parish hall on the dates requested in accordance with the Rental Policy.** David will communicate the Council's decision to Julius.

The request of Children's Friend to make alterations was discussed next. There was agreement that the first two proposed alterations (installation of a new electrical outlet and heat detectors in the classroom closets) presented no problem. Questions were raised about the third proposed alteration. Donna explained that the purpose of the alteration was to prevent an unauthorized person from gaining access to a child via the church. She cited as an example a situation where a parent does not have custody of a child and may not be allowed to have contact. The proposed alteration will make it possible for Children's Friend to lock the specified doors so that they may only be opened with a key. St. Paul's will be provided a key so it can still gain access to the school in an emergency. However, an unauthorized person who manages to gain access to the church building would not be able to enter the school via these doors as they would be locked. Presently, the doors can be unlocked from the church side merely by moving latch bars.

**A motion was made, seconded, and passed to grant permission to Children's Friend to make the first two proposed alterations and to authorize David Martin to grant permission for the third alteration after he speaks with Lucia Santiago, Children's Friend's Food Service Manager.** Ms. Santiago authored the email which contained the request for permission to make the alterations. David plans to speak with her tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

# Church Anniversary

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1866-2016

“Looking back in gratitude, looking ahead in service”

In looking back, we will be sharing the memories of long-time members of St. Paul. Each month this year we will share the memories of members and at the celebratory dinner on October 15, all guests will receive a copy of the recollections of dozens of these individuals. This month's memory comes from **Helen Spink**.

Helen Werner Spink

My parents, Albin and Emma Werner, immigrated to America in December, 1923 from Schoenwald, a small town in Bavaria Germany. They settled in Rhode Island with their sponsor, Albin's aunt, who lived in Cranston. Since they had met in church in the choir and were deeply rooted in the evangelical Lutheran church, their first and forever place of worship here was the Union Avenue, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. This congregation became the center of their lives and thus mine and my brother Gilbert.

I remember Sunday school and receiving in 1936, for three years of perfect attendance, a beautifully bound “Forget Me Not” book with scripture texts and lovely illustrations for each day of the year. Though tattered and unbound, I still use it and treasure it. Typically, Sunday meant getting dressed up in fine clothing, going to Sunday school, attending either German or English service where Mom and Dad sang in the choir, then home to a Sunday dinner- a roast with gravy and long cooked vegetables and always home-baked desserts.

Memorable events, of course, were the church holidays. The huge event was moving from Union Avenue to our beautiful, huge sanctuary on Elmwood Avenue, then a tree lined lovely main road in Providence. Hundreds of us “oohed and aahed” when we entered the magnificent place of worship, and today I feel the same awe when I enter and behold our beautiful church.

Of course, we are different from our first days 150 years ago. I am proud that we are tolerant, integrated, caring for others and reaching out to children in Liberia through Gbarnga's school. I hope and believe that God will bless our congregation forever.